

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ,)	Case No. 1:21 CR 0520
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	JUDGE DAN AARON POLSTER
)	
DOUGLAS SMITH,)	
)	<u>ORDER</u>
Defendant.)	
)	

During trial in the captioned case, the Government informed the Court that defendant had served yet another unrelated and improper document on Robert J. Patton, the Government's trial counsel. Defendant continues to prepare documents purportedly creating trusts and unilaterally designating trustees for his benefit. The Court has repeatedly warned Defendant to cease and desist from this conduct or he would be held in contempt of court. The Court has also previously held Defendant in contempt and sanctioned him with both fines and jail time. *See* [ECF Doc. 62](#) and [ECF Doc. 72](#).

Because Defendant Smith served another improper document on an employee of the Government involved with his case, he is in direct violation of this Court's prior orders, and is found to be in contempt of court. Accordingly, the Court will impose an additional three-month

sentence¹ to be served at the conclusion of trial for Defendant Smith's serving Attorney Patton with another improper document.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 18, 2022

s/Dan Aaron Polster

United States District Judge

¹ On October 11, 2022, the Court issued a three-month sentence for Defendant Smith's violation of the Court's order to produce his exhibits or withdraw his exhibit list. [ECF Doc. 72](#).